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Sri R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" திருநெல்வேலி-தூத்துக்குடி மின்சார கம்பெனியார் மின்சார சக்திக்கு மிக அதிகமான பணத்தை பொது மக்களிடமிருந்து வசூலிப்பதோடுகூட இன்னும் அதிக இடத்திற்கு விஸ்தரிக்க வழியும், வசதியும் இல்லாததாகவும் தெரிகிறது. அம்மாதிரி கம்பெனிகளை எல்லாம் சர்க்கார் உடனடியாக எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முன்வருமா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is what I have said already."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, போன சட்டசபைக் கூட்டத்தில் நான் எந்தெந்த மின்சாரக் கம்பெனிகளை எந்தெந்த வருஷத்தில் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப் போகிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் திட்டவட்டமாகப் பதில் சொல்லவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். எந்தெந்த ஆண்டுகளில் எதை எதை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப் போகிறார்கள் என்பதை இப்பொழுதாவது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That matter is under the examination of the Government and they are drawing up a plan for taking over private electricity undertakings."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when the Government are going to take over the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Corporation? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that we are drawing up a plan for taking over private electricity undertakings. I cannot say off-hand which private electricity undertaking will be taken over by the Government on which date. The whole matter is now being finalised. "

Appointment of Tahsildars.

* 198 *Q.*—Sri M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rules governing the inclusion of a person in the list of persons qualified for appointment as Tahsildars;

(*b*) how many Deputy Tahsildars have been promoted as Tahsildars in South Kanara district since 1939 ; and

(*c*) how many of them belong to the backward classes?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Special rules for the Madras Revenue Subordinate Service.

" (*b*) Twenty-seven.

" (*c*) Seven."

Construction of a bridge for Cherupuzha Thodu in Vayakkara amsam, North Malabar.

* 199 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the construction of a bridge for Cherupuzha Thodu in Vayakkara amsam in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, stands now ; and

(*b*) when the construction of the bridge will be completed?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—
"(a) & (b) There are a number of bridges like this requiring pakka masonry construction. The construction of a bridge for Cherupuzha Thodu will be taken up in its due turn."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, as soon as a bridge for Cherupuzha Thodu was constructed, it was washed away. The Government spent about rupees forty thousand on the construction of the bridge. When I put a question on this subject, the then Hon. Minister in charge of Local Administration, Sri Sankara Reddi stated on the floor of the House that a bridge for Cherupuzha Thodu had already been constructed and that if the hon. Member visited the place, he would find a bridge. Subsequently, Sri K. Rajaram became the Minister for Local Administration. I put again a question on this subject and it was answered by Sri K. Rajaram that it would take two weeks to complete the construction of the bridge in question. But actually no bridge was built there. Now, Sir, I have again brought forward this question, and the Government say that the bridge for Cherupuzha Thodu will be taken up in its turn. Will the Hon. Minister give a definite assurance on the floor of the House whether the Government will take steps to see that the construction of the bridge is begun? As the people are very anxious that a bridge should be constructed, I want an assurance from the Hon. Minister whether he will take up this matter seriously and see that the bridge is constructed at an early date." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" We will forward the suggestions to the District Board, Malabar, which has a member of the Communist Party as its President. They will look into the matter in all seriousness."

Abolition of Sub-Magistrates' Courts at Quilandy and Chowghat.

* 200 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" A similar question was answered on the floor of the House and I do not put the question."

* 201 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Chowghat Sub-Magistrate's Court has been shifted to Ponnani ;

(b) whether any representation has been received by the Government in the matter ; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) As a natural consequence of the introduction of the scheme of Separation in Malabar district, the magisterial work of a Judicial nature done by the Deputy Tahsildar at Chowghat was taken over by the Judicial Sub-Magistrate, Ponnani.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) It is under the Government's consideration."